

WEEKLY UPDATES

Friday, August 14th, 2020

Join us in person or online for live worship at either 8:45 AM (Traditional) or 10:45 AM (Contemporary).

ONLINE WORSHIP: FACEBOOK LIVE – We are online! We are offering in-person and live streaming worship (via Facebook) Sunday mornings. You can view Sunday worship online as its happening by joining here: <https://www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SANITIZE AFTER SERVICES - Help is needed after each worship service on Sunday mornings. We need a couple of people to wipe down pews, doorknobs, and railings each Sunday after each worship. Wipes and disinfectant spray are available on the Welcome desk near the entrance. This takes about 10-15 minutes. Thank you ahead of time for your help as we continue in-person worship.

THIS WEEKEND! ANNUAL RE-GIFTING SALE – We will be joining in on the town-wide yard sale this weekend by having our **Re-Gifting Sale on Saturday, August 15th, 2020**. Thank you to those that dropped off items for the sale. This event will take place tomorrow on the **Church Office Porch from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. Please remember to follow safety procedures such as wearing a face covering and social distancing when you attend this event.

NEW EVENT! BELATED BUNNY TRAIL - The Easter Bunny has a stash of Eggs that he could not give out at Easter this year, so he is having a "*Belated Bunny Trail*" at Salem Church! It takes place on **Sunday, August 30, 2020, from 2- 4 PM out on Independence Street**. You need to go to <http://www.SalemUM.com> and sign up ahead of time. Bring your own baskets! You will hop down the bunny trail to pick up your eggs and then pick up a goodie-bag when you are done. Open to all children up to 10 years old. A safe and fun outdoor event. Make sure you have your "bunny" mask on! See you on the trail!

HELPERS NEEDED: BELATED BUNNY TRAIL - We are having a "Belated Bunny Trail" out on the street on Sunday, August 30, 2020, from 2-4 pm. We will create an outdoor bunny trail on the street and hand out our filled eggs. **If you have eggs still at home, please bring in to the church office ASAP**. Brenda will have safe "bunny" masks for you and bunny ear headbands! **We need volunteers (teens and/or adults) to:**

1. Stand on the trail with a bunny mask on and hand eggs out. **Looking for at least 10 people.**
2. Man the tables to check people in and to hand out goodie bags. **Looking for 2 people.**
3. Help to set up the trail on Independence Street the morning of the event.

Please contact Barb Stein (570-449-6533) / Brenda Binns bbins1@msn.com / or the Church Office if you are willing to help.

HANDBELL SUNDAY - The Handbell Choir plans to return in September. **We have some openings**. We plan on having a Welcome Back Bell Sunday on **September 27, 2020**, where we will play the music that we had prepared for this past March. The bells will play during both

morning worship times (8:45 am and 10:45 am). We invite you to hear our handbells play by joining us either in person or online!

RESCHEDULED TO 2021: BLOCK PARTY – Due to COVID-19 restrictions and constraints the Annual Block Party for this year (2020) has been canceled. The Block Party will take place next year 2021. Thank you for your understanding!

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR WORSHIP - Our County is under the GREEN PHASE of reopening in PA. This allows up to 250 people to be gathered. However, there are still rules and guidelines for how we are to gather. Please remember to wear a mask and maintain a social distance when able. **Please view our full list of guidelines at the end of these announcements.**

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - Please remember to follow all the safety procedures and guidelines if you plan on attending in-person worship. Livestreaming is a new ministry for us and there are bound to be glitches as we startup. We are enthusiastic about this new opportunity for ministry and we ask for patience as we spend the summer learning how to Livestream well. This is a wonderful ministry that helps us reach existing and new people once we get the hang of it. We give thanks to God for the generosity of donors and the forward-thinking of church leadership as we move in this new direction.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE REQUEST: SEPTEMBER 2020 – Our monthly newsletter will tentatively resume in September. If you have any church news, events small group updates, or announcements you would like to see in the monthly newsletter please email your article to the Church Office. Please be sure to send in all information for the next newsletter by **Friday, August 21st, 2020**. You can email your newsletter articles to office@saalemum.com to be reviewed. Thank you!

This Week's Schedule

(Sunday Morning Worship is available In-Person and Livestreamed)

Sun 8/16	8:45 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship
Mon 8/17		Office Closed
Tue 8/18	7:00 pm	Yoga Class with Ed Folk
Wed 8/19	7:00 pm	Praise Band Practice
Fri 8/21		Pastor's Day Off
Sun 8/23	8:45 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship

Joys & Concerns from 8/9/2020

- Prayers for Phyllis Bloch, in a rehabilitation center, and needs prayers for healing. – Wendy Campbell
- Prayers for the McGivigin family, in the death of Jim. – Katy Heckman
- Prayers for back to school for Administration, teachers, students, and families. – Susan Carlson
- Joy – Mindy Gruver is engaged; Mindy is in the Bell Choir. – Barb Stein
- Prayers for Arlene, for healing for spinal problems. – Rose
- Thank you for all the support of my church family after the death of my Uncle Stanley. – Brenda Binns

Altar Flower Schedule: August 2020

- August 16th Susan Carlson
- August 23rd Jim and Sherry Coonan
- August 30th Kathy Schaffer

Please refer to the Altar Flower 2020 Calendar located in the lobby for the date you signed up to provide Altar Flowers. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULES

PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL- Rehearsals are **Wednesdays at SUMC 8 PM**. Have a musical talent you want to share with the church? Want to join the praise band? Contact Kevin O’Brassill for more details and information on how you can join the team!

CHOIR PRACTICE FALL START-UP: LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS! - The Choir will resume meeting in the Fall. We will have our first Choir Practice on **Thursday, September 3rd at 6 PM** at SUMC. We are looking for new members! Raise your voice to the Lord and sing with us. If you are interested in joining the choir or have questions, please contact Wendy Campbell for more information at wendy2346b@yahoo.com Choir Practice will continue (in person) throughout the fall **Thursdays at 6 PM**.

HANDBELL CHOIR: LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS! - The Handbell Choir plans to return in September. We have some openings if you or someone you know is interested in joining. The Handbell Choir practices **Wednesdays at 7 PM** at SUMC. If you would like more information on joining the handbells, please contact Allison Wagner at 570-391-8948 or Barb Stein at 570-449-6533. We plan on having a Welcome Back Bell Sunday on September 27, 2020, where we will play the music that we had prepared for this past March.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - We are returning from summer break on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 10 AM. We will meet in the hall. Our first study book will be handed out that day. *"I'm Waiting God"* by Barb Roose. *Finding Blessings in God's Delays*. There are some extra books if you would like to join our group. Contact Barb at 570-449-6533 for more details.

“FOOTBALL FALL” RETURNS TO SNL IN SEPTEMBER – Anticipating the continuing of in-person worship at Salem into the Fall, SNL will return with an abbreviated schedule. SNL will return on **Sunday, September 6, 2020, at 6 PM** with a Movie Night. SNL will consist of Meal & Movie Nights with theme-based discussions for September. ***A further schedule for SNL will be posted in the upcoming September Salem Newsletter.*** Due to current conditions entry for SNL will be through the ramp side door, and all protocols, such as wearing masks and social

distancing must be followed. Changes to these protocols will be made as necessary in keeping with updates to the CDC, Pennsylvania, and local guidelines for group meetings.

NEED TO HOLD A CHURCH MEETING? HAVE VIRTUAL SESSION! - Missing your church small group? Go online! Contact Admin. Assistant / Secretary, Hayley, at the church office to schedule an online session! You must contact the Office to use our zoom. Please plan a week before your meeting date so we can review all zoom meeting procedures with you ahead of time. We also must make sure your meeting does not conflict with another scheduled time. You can contact the Office for more information at 570-366-0201 / office@salemum.com

GIVING THROUGH ONLINE BANKING - Several people are sending their offering through online banking with their local bank. You simply go online at your bank's website and fill in the amount you would like to send, and your bank sends a check to the church. Call your local bank or check their website to learn more. A couple of people are giving through Vanco, a company that works with churches across the country. You need to contact Pastor Warner if you want to sign-up to give through Vanco.

MAIL YOUR OFFERING - Many of you have dropped off or mailed in your offering. You can mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office at (Salem UMC 133 South Liberty Street Orwigsburg PA 17961). Please call ahead if you plan to drop off to make sure we are open at (570-366-0201) or place them outside in our mailbox. Thank you for continuing to share your offering during this time.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR WORSHIP: GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Our County is now under the GREEN PHASE of reopening in PA. This allows up to 250 people to be gathered. However, there are still rules and guidelines for how we are to gather. Here are some procedures and information you need to know for when in-person worship begins.

SIGN-IN AND SANITIZE

- a.) There is a hand soap dispenser at the door as well as sanitizer throughout the church to use coming in and going out of the church. Remember to sanitize your hands before and after coming into the church.

- b.) Please sign-in on the sheet provided in the lobby before heading up to the sanctuary. Everyone needs to sign in every Sunday they attend. This provides us with a contact list in case we discover someone who has been here contracts COVID-19.

- c.) Please make sure to include the date that you are attending. If your contact information changes, please inform the office so we have an up-to-date email and phone number for you.

- d.) Email address is preferred. Email makes it much easier to get the word out to you than by phone. Please include your daytime phone number if you don't have an email address. Make

sure to include proper capitalization and any punctuation when writing your email as email addresses are case sensitive. Emails might not arrive if written incorrectly.

TECH & TOUCH-LESS WORSHIP

We are minimizing the amount of personal contact and the number of surfaces in the church to be touched to avoid any risk of “contact exposure”. Please do not touch any additional objects or surfaces you do not need to.

a.) All churchgoers should enter through the ramp door; other church doors will remain locked to ensure one entrance in and out of the building. We will have a volunteer Greeter stay at the door to wipe down the door handles and greet churchgoers.

b.) There will be an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary for you to place your offering in before or after worship. You can also continue dropping off/mailling your offering envelopes or give online.

c.) All music and scripture will be projected. We hope to include music and words for songs from the hymnal. Please refrain from touching and using the hymnals and Bibles in the pews.

d.) Any Church updates and announcements will be emailed each week. If you are not already signed up to receive our email updates please send your email address to office@saalemum.com and request to be added to our email list.

e.) Fellowship time before and after worship will not be offered to avoid congregating in closed areas. Please talk with folks outside the church building at an appropriate social distance.

f.) There will be no infant/toddler nursery for the Summer. The infant/toddler nursery is on hold until September. We will announce when this resumes. It’s impossible to social distance with kids.

g.) Please avoid handshaking, passing the peace, or hugging others to avoid spreading any possible germs.

MUST WEAR MASKS

Masks are required when you come to church even as part of the GREEN PHASE. Please bring a face covering with you. We realize masks have become controversial and some people prefer not to wear a mask. Please remember that it is possible to have COVID-19 asymptotically, feel fine, and pass it on to someone else. While you may feel fine, you could unknowingly have and give the disease to someone else who may not be fine or who could pass it on to others. We wear masks to reduce the other person’s chances of getting it. Please observe the practice of wearing a mask out of respect for our congregation, staff, volunteers, and the people around us.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please practice social distancing of about 6 feet between people other than your own family members when able. Keep a 6 ft. distance between yourself and others in gathering areas such

as the Welcome Lobby, on the steps to the Sanctuary, in the Sanctuary when you sit in church and other places there may be groups.

LIVESTREAMING

We will be livestreaming worship for people who are unable to attend in person. If you or a family member feel sick or were recently sick, we are asking that you stay home and join the online Livestream option. This means you will be able to watch worship online on your smartphone or computer.

a.) Worship will be simultaneously broadcast on Facebook while we are worshiping in-person. You can go to <https://www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/> to view worship.

b.) Worship will be recorded. We will upload a recording of service to YouTube later in the week so persons without Facebook can also view the service. You do not need an account to view these videos.